

RTA BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 7, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., on September 7, 2005, in the RTA Conference Room with the following in attendance:

Board Committee Members:

Councilmember Frank Kessler, Committee Chairman  
Councilmember Jim Ayres, Chairman of the Board  
Councilmember Brenda Salas, Board Member  
Councilmember Daryl Hickman, Board Member  
Councilmember Doug McAllister, Board Member  
Councilmember John Motte, Board Member  
Mayor Pro Tem Bonnie Flickinger, Board Member  
Andrea Puga, Board Alternate

RTA Staff:

Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer  
Chris Gallanes, Chief Financial Officer  
Vince Rouzaud, Director of Purchasing and Materials Management  
Scott Richardson, Director of Marketing  
Brad Weaver, Communications' Specialist  
Virginia Werly, Contracts' Operations Manager  
Maricela Hernandez, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Other Attendees:

None.

2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS:

Self-introductions of those in attendance took place.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 6, 2005, COMMITTEE MEETING:

M/S/C (PUGA/HICKMAN) approving the minutes of the July 6, 2005, Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Chairman Kessler advised that an item has come to the attention of Agency staff within the last 72 hours (since the agenda for this meeting was posted.) For this item to be considered, action will be required by the Board Committee members.

M/S/C (PUGA/MCALLISTER) to consider an item of urgency that arose within the last 72 hours not listed on the agenda for this meeting. The motion carried unanimously authorizing the addition of item 4A to the agenda covering the Service Deviation and Fare Media for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees.

4A. SERVICE DEVIATION AND FARE MEDIA FOR HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES:

M/S/C (AYRES/HICKMAN) approving and recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration as follows:

- Approve the deviation of Route 17 to serve MARB for as long as Hurricane Katrina evacuees are housed there or until demand stops with costs being absorbed by schedule adjustments and approve distribution of 500 31-day General passes with a value of \$21,500 at no charge to evacuees.

The motion carried unanimously with an amendment that the number of passes be issued up to the numbers of evacuees.

Directors Flickinger and McAllister arrived the meeting after item 4A.

5. BUDDY FARE UPDATE REPORT:

The Committee members unanimously approved and recommended this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration as follows:

- Receive and file.

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE EXISTING DIAL-A-RIDE/ADA PARATRANSIT NO-SHOW AND CANCELLATION POLICY AND TO PUBLISH THE REVISED POLICY:

M/S/C (AYRES/FLICKINGER) approving and recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration as follows:

- Approve the proposed changes to the Dial-a-Ride/ADA Paratransit Cancellation and No Show Policy, and authorize staff to publish the revised policy in the ADA Paratransit Services Rider's Guide and DAR Brochure with an effective date of November 1, 2005.

The motion carried unanimously with an amendment that this item be brought back in six months to this Committee for review.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REMARKS:

Mr. Rubio gave an update to Directors Flickinger and McAllister regarding item Katrina Evacuees.

Committee Chairman Kessler requested that the clerk of the Board email the Committee members with updated information regarding the Agency's assistance to Katrina evacuees.

Director Flickinger congratulated staff and the Board Executive Committee for accelerating this item through so the evacuees can receive the much needed assistance.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.